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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 21, 2011**. Harvest season has begun for most crops and is expected to be in full swing by next week. Scattered showers delayed some progress to the hay harvest. Reports indicate that worms are putting pressure on soybeans, sorghum, and pastures and producers are spraying where necessary. Soil moisture was rated 11 percent very short, 33 percent short, 55 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending August 21, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dough	100	100	100	100
Corn, dent	99	97	100	99
Corn, mature	85	72	92	86
Corn, harvested	29	10	45	31
Cotton, setting bolls	99	97	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	12	2	47	28
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	82	79	82	81
Peanuts, pegging	100	100	100	100
Rice, headed	99	94	100	95
Rice, mature	20	11	78	40
Rice, harvested	2	--	14	4
Sorghum, heading	100	100	100	100
Sorghum, coloring	82	68	97	93
Sorghum, mature	38	23	79	63
Sorghum, harvested	3	--	13	24
Soybeans, blooming	100	100	100	100
Soybeans, setting pods	98	95	98	99
Soybeans, turning color	22	16	55	51
Soybeans, dropping leaves	7	2	32	31
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	1	--	4	1
Watermelons, harvested	100	99	100	100

Crop condition for week ending August 21, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	16	15	31	26	12
Cotton	2	8	24	47	19
Hay	8	27	26	35	4
Livestock	2	12	50	32	4
Pasture	10	16	40	31	3
Peanuts	0	2	44	43	11
Rice	1	5	27	49	18
Sorghum	1	6	24	60	9
Soybeans	4	10	22	49	15
Sweet Potatoes	4	8	24	44	20

Comments

“Worms and (in some fields) stink bugs continue to be a problem in soybean fields. Irrigation has now been terminated in most cotton fields. Corn harvest is in high gear with the exception areas that received pop-up rain showers.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Corn harvest is moving along very fast. Rice and Soybean harvest is beginning to pick up more daily. Cotton will not be far behind.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Scattered showers in recent days have helped some; but most of the cotton and soybeans need more to avoid yield loss. On the other hand, dry weather may favor most producers so they can finish the harvest.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Unseasonably hot temperatures has made this growing season a tough one for lots of different growers. Right now there is a big push to cut and bale as much hay as possible with the majority of it going to Texas and some of it going in the livestock producer's barn.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“We still have very dry conditions throughout the county.”

— Thomas E. Brewer, Jefferson Davis

“Corn harvest is in full swing with good irrigated yields. Aflatoxin has been a problem for many. Rice will begin to be cut this week and later soybeans continue to mature. Cotton bolls are opening and leaves are turning on the earlier plants.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Some corn was harvested last week. Harvest should pick up this week. We are still spraying insects in cotton and soybeans.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Armyworms continue to be problem in grass. DD60's are showing bolls from July 18 are mature and others maturing rapidly.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Keep getting rain. Rain is helping the hay, sweet potatoes, soybeans, and cotton. Cooler temps showing cotton maturity.”

— Brent Gray, Yalobusha

“Areas of the county are in need of a good rainfall event. Hay harvesting is continuing.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Some isolated showers have been around this past week. The showers have caused problems with corn harvest, but will help any late planted soybeans and cotton. Corn harvest is coming along well, except for a few varieties that don't want to dry down properly. Growers have quit on a lot of their cotton acres, but the late planted acres are still requiring irrigation and pesticides. Loopers and boll worms continue to pressure late soybeans and milo. Stink bug pressure has been light so far. A few soybeans have been harvested and we are only about a week away from being in full swing. Some defoliation went out on a few acres of early cotton this week and could possibly be picked in August. It won't be long now.”

— Preston Aust, Humphreys

“Harvest of grain crops is in full swing in between daily afternoon showers. Where were they in June?”

— Strider Mc Crory, Sunflower

“Cotton and soybeans are looking good with corn harvest yields being highly variable across the area.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Corn yield reports from trials are coming in at 10-15 bu/ac. This is due to no soil moisture during May. Soybeans look good but it's late and we are finding worms building along with stink bugs. This will be a problem for late planted soybeans.”

— Randy Smith, Covington

“We are getting dry again. Weather had some scattered showers, but we still need a good general rain. The forecast is for hot and dry this week. Some hay is being cut but we still need a chance for another cutting this fall. Cotton and peanuts still looking good.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“Dry weather has been good for hay baling, but pastures are showing drought symptoms again. Armyworms plague pastures as well.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 21, 2011									
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	92	65	79	80	-1	1.68	1.16	2	5.07
Cleveland	101	68	81	82	-1	0.57	0.01	3	5.03
Lambert 5 E	94	61	79			0.99	0.33	2	4.18
Tunica 2	93	64	80	80	0	2.16	1.64	3	2.65
Extreme/Average	101	61	80	80	0	1.35	0.79	3	4.23
North-Central									
Batesville 2 SW	94	60	79	79	0	0.67	0.08	2	1.63
Hickory Flat	94	59	76	78	-2	0.18	-0.59	3	3.98
Holly Springs 4	95	60	79	77	2	0.65	-0.08	4	1.60
Independence 1 W	93	59	77	79	-2	2.00	1.34	4	3.43
University	96	60	79	79	0	1.05	0.28	2	2.74
Extreme/Average	96	59	78	79	-1	0.91	0.21	3	2.68
Northeast									
Booneville	92	61	76	78	-2	0.25	-0.50	1	2.95
Corinth City	92	61	76	80	-4	0.09	-0.58	1	3.15
Pontotoc Exp Stn	95	60	78	80	-2	0.19	-0.51	2	5.03
Verona Experiment	95	62	79	80	-1	0.06	-0.80	1	4.85
Extreme/Average	95	60	77	79	-2	0.15	-0.55	1	4.00
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	98	63	82	81	1	0.37	-0.26	2	4.21
Moorhead	97	65	80	81	-1	0.33	-0.16	2	4.10
Rolling Fork	100	65	82	81	1	0.75	0.19	2	5.29
Yazoo City 5 NNE	101	65	82	81	1	0.73	-0.01	1	2.92
Extreme/Average	101	63	82	81	1	0.55	-0.01	2	4.13
Central									
Canton	93	61	78	81	-3	0.52	-0.18	1	4.38
Kosciusko	94	67	80	80	0	0.35	-0.38	2	7.10
Forest 3 S	98	58	79	80	-1	0.05	-0.86	1	3.75
Winona 5E	94	61	77	77	0	0.59	-0.07	2	5.94
Extreme/Average	98	58	79	80	-1	0.38	-0.34	2	5.29
East-Central									
Aberdeen	96	62	79	79	0	0.00	-0.63	0	3.91
Columbus Luxapal	98	63	80	81	-1	0.00	-0.78	0	3.54
Macon 2 E	98	63	79	80	-1	0.03	-0.76	2	0.66
State University	99	62	80	80	0	0.25	-0.45	2	2.74
Extreme/Average	99	62	80	80	0	0.07	-0.63	1	2.71
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	100	66	83	80	3	0.00	-0.98	0	1.13
Natchez	102	68	84	81	3	0.00	-0.91	0	1.49
Vicksburg	97	66	82			0.63		1	2.73
Extreme/Average	102	66	83	81	2	0.21	-0.69	0	1.78
South-Central									
Collins	94	62	80	80	0	0.10	-0.79	1	0.65
Columbia	98	65	83	81	2	0.02	-0.97	1	2.74
Monticello	102	64	84	81	3	0.00	-0.88	0	2.34
Raleigh	96	57	78			0.15		1	3.53
Extreme/Average	102	57	82	81	1	0.07	-0.91	1	2.32
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	96	65	82	82	0	0.00	-1.05	0	3.00
Laurel	97	64	81	81	0	0.00	-0.89	0	9.25
Waynesboro 2 W	98	61	81	80	1	0.00	-0.70	0	4.28
Extreme/Average	98	61	81	81	0	0.00	-0.83	0	5.51
State	102	57	80	80	0	0.36	-0.39	1	3.63

DFN = Departure from Normal.